

January 26, 2021

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Dear Ms. Allen

On Monday January 11, 2021, I submitted the following question for ethics review via the online portal:

My name is Christi Disher. I am the manager of Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site. I (and my husband) am also part owner of a broadband internet services company. Last week a state representative reached out to our business partner regarding the possibility of our company providing internet services to Chicot State Park. This representative also told our business partner that she has spoken with the Lt Governor about our company and he is interested in discussing with us the possibility of providing internet to all rv campgrounds within the state parks system.

Historic sites do not have campgrounds and therefore would not be included in this possible service agreement.


However, I would like to know if it is okay for the company (that I am part owner of) to pursue this business opportunity with state parks. Both historic sites and state parks operate under the office of state parks but have different operational objectives.

On Thursday January 21, 2021, you and I spoke briefly about my request. At this time I informed you that as a manager of a state historic site, I do not have any influence over any state park in the Louisiana Office of State Parks system. I am the manager of Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site (St. Martinville, La.) and my work scope does not exceed beyond Longfellow.

I am requesting a written opinion from the Ethics Board regarding this situation. I do not want to pursue a private business opportunity that may be seen as improper or unethical.

I appreciate your time (as well as the time of the other members of the Ethics Board) for reviewing this matter and providing me with a written response.

Sincerely,



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